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NORMAL COMMENCEMENT

A Week of Intellectual
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Elaborate Programme of Exercises Arranged.

Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association—Progress of the Institution.

At the Territorial Normal school this year the exercises incident to commencement time will be upon a scale of elaboration never before known to that admirable institution. President McNaughton, the faculty and students, alumni and board are alike active.

The calendar of the week of commencement has been issued. Sunday, June 7, will be the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. W. E. V. Caughn at the Baptist church, Tempe, at 7:30. Monday will be class day and will be observed by a class breakfast at the residence by Rev. W. E. Vaughn at the and by literary exercises and presentation of memorial at Normal hall at 8 p. m. Tuesday will be the anniversary of literary societies and will be fittingly observed in the evening by the Zetetic and Hesperian societies. Wednesday will be commencement day. The graduating exercises at 8 p. m. will be held, for the sake of comfort and for room, on the campus of the school, between the new and old building.

Thursday will be given over to the Alumni of the school. The association will meet at 3 p. m. and again at 8 p. m. The afternoon session will be for the election of officers for the ensuing year. In the evening will be the annual meeting for the reception of the graduating class of '96, and will embrace literary features and a banquet. This meeting has heretofore been strictly limited to Alumni members, but it is understood this year the association will receive as guests the faculty, the board of education and the governor.

The past year has in all respects been the most notable ever known to the Territorial Normal. The progress, educationally, has never by it been surpassed, upon the grounds, as a mark of the territory's appreciation, has risen a noble school structure that is to be occupied within the year, and the conditions essential to future success have been firmly set to withstand all assaults.

WALES A WINNER.

His Colt Took the Great Derby—Historical Coincidence.

EPSOM, England, June 3.—Persimmons, the Prince of Wales' colt, at 5 to 1 against him, won the Derby today. Leopold De Rothschild's "St. Truquin" was second, and H. E. Bedding-ton's Earwig was third. Persimmons was the best Derby time since 1867. This in the first time in one hundred and eight years that a prince of Wales has won the blue ribbon of the turf. In 1788 the prince, who subsequently reigned as George IV, won the Derby with Sir Thomas, the favorite, and it may be remarked as a coincidence there were eleven starters then and eleven horses ran in the race today.

BLACKLIST SUSPENDED.

The Southern Pacific May Reinstate Strikers.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—The Southern Pacific company has granted amnesty to the strikers who refused to work three years ago, and who were afterwards refused reinstatement by the company. The strikers claimed that the road blacklisted them so that they could not obtain employment on any road in the country. Manager J. A. Fillmore has issued an order to the various division superintendents authorizing them to employ ex-strikers whenever vacancies exist. When a good man applies to the railroad for employment the fact that he participated in the big strike will not prevent his being engaged.

DEFECTIVE ARMOR.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The navy department has consented to allow the Union Iron works of California to replace defective steel deck plates wrought into the protective deck of the battleship Oregon and brought to the attention of the department through one of the employees of the contractors.

A FALLING ELEVATOR.

BALTIMORE, June 3.—Three people were injured by the fall of an elevator in a building occupied by the Friedenevald Printing company today. Mary Jackson and Thos. Knapp will probably die.

SILVER SHIPMENTS.

NEW YORK, June 3.—The steamship Columbia will take out tomorrow 161,000 ounces of silver and 25,000 Mexican dollars.

THE SILVER MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—Silver bars, 63½; Mexican dollars, 54@54½.

IT WAS JOE'S OWN CONVENTION

J. L. B. Alexander Endorsed for
National Delegate.

His Henchmen Do His
Sweet Will.

A Quiet, Though Democratic,
Gathering.

Its Only Notable Incident a Flery
Anti-Cleveland Speech by
Judge Morton of
Mesa.

J. L. B. Alexander, than whom none other in Maricopa may now be known as "Joe," yesterday routed the hosts of the enemy and enthroned himself safely and most prominently in the chair of political bossdom. He "got there," did Joe; he got there with both his little feet. He showed that the opinion of his friends is not in error and that his enemies have not been amiss; he is a smooth article and the local Democracy are his'n. His elasticity was shown in the fact of his early recuperation from his defeat at the city polls the day before, but then he was dealing largely with Republicans over whom his scepter had no power. Yesterday he came forth in fresh panoply of war and behold, by the eventide the wrecks of opposition were cast by the waves upon the shore of adversity.

If any man in Maricopa county knows the Democratic voters thereof, that individual is Joseph. These many days ago he picked his tickets and the men he named were by a considerable majority in evidence yesterday. At his right hand sat Frank Baxter and George Purdy Bullard (please always spell out in full), and between the three of them everything went very nicely.

As to the opposition? There seemed to be plenty of it in the rank and file, but there were few opponents in the convention. The fight was, on its face, the naming of a delegate to Chicago, but the animus was far back of this and lay in the political fight that has for years been maintained between Alexander and W. T. Smith. Smith for these twenty years has been a sort of packhorse for the county Democracy. He has put up in cash many thousands of dollars to the support of the party and its measures and seems to devote half his time to its work; yet to him has come little remuneration save such as comes through a term or so in the legislative council and petty office as city councilman. He had an idea of opposing Joe in his ambition, as Joe has often opposed him in his, and to that end was supporting the aspiration of H. H. Logan to be a delegate to Chicago. But Smith is no sorehead, and it is presumed will be found this fall just as enthusiastic a Democrat as ever.

All in all, the convention was the "swiftest" ever known in the Democratic history of the county. Usually they are somewhat of a jumble and begin and end in something of a free-for-all scrap. That of yesterday wasn't, however. The only debate, even, was over the platform as to the National administration. Smith had a motion to endorse Cleveland, save for his money ideas, for Smith is a silver man, however much an admirer of the president otherwise. The motion was down by the Alexander majority, at the wink of the boss, and a platform adopted which, while it favored free silver in one place, emasculated its own utterances in the end by pledging an unquestioning support of the Chi-

cago nominee and of the Chicago platform.

The chairman was far better than usually falls to such gatherings, yet he was denied the usual courtesy at the end of the session. A notable feature was the almost entire absence of oratory.

THE DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

How Joseph Secured to Himself Democratic Endorsement.

The morning session was one of the most remarkable in a Democratic way that has ever been held in Phoenix. There was not an angry word and there was not a division. It was a case of Smith making one motion and Alexander making the next, or Joe making a motion and Tom coming in cheerfully with his second.

As M. H. Williams, chairman of the county committee, is ill, and has for a month had his resignation in the hands of the committee, the convention was called to order at 10:30 by Secretary A. A. Long of the committee.

Frank Baxter of Agua Caliente and erstwhile secretary of Joe Alexander's pet local enterprise, was the first on his feet when the nominations for temporary chairman were called for. Not that there appeared, however, to be anyone else especially interested in the matter. He named Joseph Campbell for temporary chairman. Alexander moved the election of Campbell by acclamation, and that was the way it was done.

The temporary chairman made no speech on assuming the throne, and Judge W. D. Morton of Mesa was made temporary secretary. Alexander nominated and Smith moved it be unanimous.

Then the convention slid along as on a well-greased toboggan.

Baxter moved the committee on credentials; Alexander moved the committee on order of business and permanent organization; Smith moved the committee on platform and resolutions.

On the committees the chair appointed: Credentials, Frank Baxter, George L. Compton, George Purdy Bullard, C. R. Hakes, Frank Meador; on permanent organization, J. L. B. Alexander, H. Eldred, Newt Clanton, Ben Crawford, T. Davenport; on platform, W. T. Smith, J. W. Crenshaw, H. M. Willis, Frank P. Troit, L. H. Chalmers.

Adjournment was then taken till 1. At the beginning of the afternoon session Neri Osborn was elected assistant secretary and then the reports of the committees were called for.

That of the credentials committee as accepted seated the following named: Phoenix—F. P. Troit, C. A. Luke, Jas. McNamara, Leo Goldman, J. F. Meador, G. H. Hirschfeld, F. M. Czarnowski, A. Barsanti, Joe Balsz, M. B. Cox, J. E. Walker, J. A. Fleming, T. E. Dalton, J. R. Norton, J. L. B. Alexander, H. H. McNeil, E. Ganz, H. M. Willis, B. A. Fickas, J. W. Crenshaw, Neri Osborn, G. P. Bullard, R. F. Doll, J. Bronson, B. F. Zoekler, A. N. Hoffman, C. B. Ming, C. Slankard, R. Fridell, H. P. DeMund, A. S. Mills, E. F. Kellner, H. H. Logan, F. L. Warner, W. C. Budge, B. M. Crawford; proxies, Goldman by Hirschfeld, Balsz by Meador, Walker by Alexander, Fleming by Chalmers, Mills by J. E. Devine, Kellner by Smith.

Tempe—Albert Miller, J. C. Goodwin, Geo. L. Compton, Joseph Birchett, A. W. Cosner, Andrew Neilsen, Ben Goldman; proxies, Goodman by R. L. Goodwin, Cosner by Goodwin.

Buckeye—M. M. Jackson, Newt Clanton.

Vulture—Syd Kempton, by L. H. Chalmers.

Orme—J. G. Greenhaw, H. Eldred; proxy, Greenhaw by Eldred.

Cartwright—J. A. Vinson.

Alhambra—N. S. Sharp, J. T. Harbert; proxies, Harbert by Sharp.

Mesa—W. D. Morton, C. B. Lewis, Jesse D. Hobson, Dr. M. W. Brack, C. R. Hakes, W. L. Brumhall; proxies, Brumhall by Hakes, Brack by Hakes.

Lehi—Harvey J. Harper, Will Crismon; proxies, Crismon by Harper.

Alma—George A. McDonald, Charles Pew.

Johnstone—S. S. Stout.

Agua Caliente—Frank Baxter.

Gila Bend—H. P. Davenport, F. D. Welcome; proxies, Welcome by Davenport.

Enterprise—Peter Hargreaves by F. Baxter.

Meridian—Logan Rives.

Goldfield—Wm. Pomeroy by J. F. Meador.

Wickenburg—R. W. Baxter.

Rio Verde—G. W. Doherty by P. P. Parker.

Osborn—Jas. B. Alexander.

Enterprise—P. M. Hargreave by Frank Baxter.

Cave Creek—J. M. Burris.

Glendale—B. E. Chute.

School District 14—M. A. Stanford.

There was a little squabble over the seating of a representative from Vulture, it being claimed that Kempton is not a citizen, but the matter was smoothed over.

The report of the next committee was that the temporary organization be made permanent and placed the report of the platform committee some distance down on the order of business. It was accepted.

Then the gentleman from Agua Caliente was quickly on his feet with a motion for a committee of seven to

apportion the territorial delegates among the twenty-two precincts. Smith didn't understand the motion, but it probably passed unanimously, the following named being appointed as the committee: Frank Baxter, C. R. Hakes, N. Sharp, R. G. Goodwin, George Purdy Bullard, L. H. Chalmers, E. Ganz.

After a short recess the order of business was changed to admit of the presentation of the report of the committee on platform. It was as follows: "We reaffirm the time-honored principles of the Democratic party and are in favor of sending none but true and tried Democrats to the territorial convention."

"We are unalterably in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, regardless of the policy of any other nation, and hereby instruct all delegates to the territorial convention to elect none but free silver men as delegates to the National Democratic convention to be held at the city of Chicago."

"We are in favor of the early admission of Arizona into the sisterhood of states and is the sense of this convention that the delegates sent from this territory to the National convention at Chicago use their every effort for statehood for Arizona."

"We, as Democrats, are proud of the grand achievements of our party; we are proud of its record and its illustrious deeds; and we believe in party unity and organization and pledge ourselves to stand by the platform to be adopted at Chicago and to support the nominee."

To the report W. T. Smith sought to add the following resolution: "Resolved, That in common with the Democrats of the south and west we endorse the administration of Grover Cleveland in everything save his financial policy." Frank Troit seconded, complimenting the early administration of Cleveland, but affirming that the last four years of Grover were opposed to all interests of the west.

J. W. Crenshaw opposed the resolution, as well as anything that might reflect upon the territorial or National administrations.

Then came the unique feature of the day. Till this the convention had been harmonious, expeditious, quiet and sedate in a degree unknown to any previous Democratic gathering in the county. It was too quiet to last. The sensation was furnished by the convention's secretary, Judge Morton of Mesa. He got to his feet about the time the chairman was calling for a vote on the platform and announced he had a few words pertinent to the occasion and subject.

The speaker desired it known, first of all, that he was and ever will be a Democrat, which he regretfully remarked could not be said of Grover Cleveland. He declared that no Jeffersonian Democrat could see anything Democratic in Cleveland's administration save the aptitude of the president to go fishing and to hunt ducks. "His administration," shouted Morton, "has been the laughing stock of every little empire on the face of the earth. How can you endorse his policy, even with his Wall street views excepted? Do you endorse his Sandwich island policy or his policy as to Cuba? I do not endorse Cleveland's administration on any question and am not afraid to say so. I would denounce him even were I in the precincts of Wall street itself. That is the kind of a Democrat I am, and I am by far a better Democrat than he. The Democratic party is now pursuing the policy of the Republican party in '73, when silver was demonetized. Cleveland is to blame. His entire policy is one of ignominy. Do you endorse his bond issue? I understand he is about to call for another issue. Why, if Uncle Sam gets in debt much more he won't be able to buy clothes under any tariff. He'll have to get a barrel and crawl into it to hide his nakedness and poverty."

Judge Morton asked the reason why a convention of Democrats in Maricopa county, Arizona, of all places and conventions should be the first to fall prostrate at the feet of the dictator at Washington and suggested that it be the better to follow the example of the states of the Mississippi valley and speak plainly upon the subject. He concluded: "In all of this I wish it distinctly understood that I am a true-blue Democrat; I have fought beneath the banner of Democracy for thirty years, but I never will fight beneath the standard of Grover Cleveland."

It cannot be said that the speech provoked any marked enthusiasm; it seemed rather to be something in the way of a shock, just as though the bar-keeper had set out liquor other than the statutory Bourbon. But if there was no applause, at least there were no hisses and the silence, profound and meditative, was only dispelled by the voice of the chairman as he recurred to the question of the adoption of the report of the platform committee. The report was adopted and then the Smith resolution relative to the National administration was called up. Baxter moved it be laid on the table.

Once more the secretary was on his feet. What he had to tell was that at the organization at Mesa a week or so ago of a true-blue Democratic club a resolution was passed declaring that the Democrats of Mesa were hostile to any policy hostile to silver. "This resolution was sent to Phoenix," said the speaker, "to be printed in our 'o-r-g-i-n,' but when it was published

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